Air crash of MIG-27 near Delhi

921. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some incident of air-crash of Mig-27 has been reported near Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of circumstances leading to this air crash;

(c) what is the number of persons injured and killed during this crash;

(d) whether Government propose to give immediate financial relief to the next of kins of victims;

(e) if so, the details thereof with criteria to be adopted in this case; and

(f) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that such incident of air-crash are not repeated in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The aircraft was on a routine training flight, when the pilot suddenly experienced engine failure. His attempts to revive the engine were unsuccessful and he had to eject out of the plane before the plane crashed.

(c) Ten persons were killed and eleven injured.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) As per existing rules, a maximum of Rs. 10,000|- per person killed and Rs. 2,000|- per person injured are admissible as *ad hoc* payments *ex-gratia* which has been paid.

(f) Measures taken to minimise accidents is an on-going process. Each accident is investigated by a Court of Inquiry. Follow-up action on the basis of their recommendations is taken to minimise accidents in the future.

Lesser discount to Kendriya Bhandar on KMP Coconut Oil

922. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the KMP Coconut Oil is being purchased by the Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that manufacturer|supplier of the said oil is giving only 4 per cent discount to the Kendriya Bhandar whereas the same manufacturer|Supplier is giving 6 per cent discount to the Super Bazar on the same brand;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) since when this has been taking place and by when this is likely to be removed; and

(e) what action Government proposed to take against those responsible for such lapses?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) M|s. KMP provide to all re-distribution stockists; a discount of 3 per cent and 're-distribution discount' (for retail outlets) of 1 per cent. The Kendriya Bhandar being both a stockist and a re-distribution agency (providing retail outlets), receives both the discounts totalling 4 per cent. The Super Bazar which is also a stockist and re-distribution agency receives in addition to the 4 per cent discount an additional 'quantity discount' of 2 per cent, as it is lifting larger quantities than the Kendriya Bhandar from M|s. KMP.

(d) and (e) According to available records, Coconut Oil is being purchased from M|s. KMP by the Kendriya Bhandar since 1965, Kendriya Bhandar have initiated discussion with M|s. KMP to ascertain the details of the quantity discount provided by them and whether M|s. Kendriya Bhandar would also be eligible for it.